

Government-wide Strategic Solutions for Desktops and Laptops Initiative

Request For Information

The General Services Administration (GSA) is issuing the 2nd Request for Information (RFI) as part of the Government-wide Strategic Solutions for Desktops and Laptops Initiative (GSS), initiated by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

The goal of this RFI is to share the technical refresh and updated specifications for the GSS laptops and desktops and to identify vendors on the IT Schedule 70 contract vehicle that offer laptops and desktops that meet these updated specifications of the standard and upgrade configurations, and would like to participate in this initiative.

1. Background

In 2013, the Category Management Leadership Council (CMLC), chaired by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), established the Workstations Commodity Team (WCT) to develop a framework and strategy for effectively managing multiple interagency acquisition vehicles in the information technology workstation space (i.e. desktops, laptops) to manage the spend, reduce costs, and increase value through the application of strategic sourcing principles. The WCT represents a collaborative effort of over 20 Federal Agencies. As part of category management, the primary goals of the Team were to identify a common set of desktop and laptop configurations that meet the vast majority requirements of the Federal Government, and to identify and incorporate best practices in spend management (policies, terms and conditions, etc.) to support strategic sourcing. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Solutions for Enterprise Wide Procurement (SEWP) Office was appointed by OMB to lead this initiative. The WCT conducted extensive data analysis of the Government's largest laptop and desktop contracts and determined that nearly 80% of basic laptop and desktop needs could be met through five standard configurations. The WCT used input from multiple Federal organizations to define the set of configurations and technical specifications for standard desktops and laptops, and standard upgrade options. These recommended configurations strive to meet the requirements of as many Agencies as possible. The Team also agreed on terms and conditions that support the standard offerings.

NASA developed an implementation plan and deployment strategy in collaboration with the General Services Administration (GSA) and the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The desktop and laptop system solutions will be available through the following existing Government-wide acquisition vehicles: NASA SEWP, NIH's National Institutes of Health Information Technology Acquisition and Assessment Center (NITAAC) Chief Information Officer-Commodities and Solutions (CIO-CS), and GSA Schedule 70 (Hardware 132-8 and 132-12).

2. Objective

GSA intends to establish a mechanism for federal agency buyers to easily identify vendors that offer the updated standard and upgrade laptop and desktop configurations on the IT Schedule 70 Multiple Award Schedule (MAS) contract vehicle in an effort to continue the operational excellence of the program.

3. Vendor Participation

GSA will review all responses to this Request For Information to ensure the responding vendors' submissions meet the updated specifications, and subsequently identify all vendors that are capable of offering the standard laptops and desktops to federal agency buyers .

Please note that the identification of the vendors will occur on a rolling basis and identified vendors will be added to a list on the IT Schedule 70 website after successful reviews of their RFI responses. GSA will accept responses from current and prospective vendors until March 25th at 4:00 PM EST. GSA reserves the right to reopen this RFI in the future as needed.

To participate in this initiative, vendors must either have the items in their responses on their schedule 70 contracts under SIN 132-8 and 132-12, or have valid contractor teaming agreements detailing how a contractor team will meet the solution. Please note GSA shall only accept one (1) submission per team.

While GSA encourages and welcomes your participation in this initiative, it is voluntary for vendors. GSA reserves the right to remove participating vendors from the initiative for failure to continue offering identified laptops and/or desktops configurations.

For vendors who currently do not have items on their IT Schedule 70 contracts that meet the standard configuration specifications and intend to submit modifications to GSA, please contact your GSA Schedule Contracting Officer to add these items to your IT Schedule 70 contracts. Once the items have been added to your IT Schedule 70 contract, vendors must submit a response to this RFI to participate in this initiative.

NOTE: This RFI should not be construed as a solicitation/RFP/RFQ for a government requirement or as a commitment by the U. S. Government.

4. Standard Configuration Specifications

The Workstations Commodity Team identified six (6) standard and upgrade configurations for the first refresh, based on feedback from the partner federal agencies and industry. Details of the standard configurations are listed in attachment 1 of this Request for Information.

- A. GSS Lightweight Laptop
- B. GSS Laptop
- C. GSS High-level Laptop
- D. GSS Desktop
- E. GSS Desktop Upgrade 1
- F. GSS Desktop Upgrade 2

5. Specific Information Requested From Interested Vendors

The General Services Administration (GSA), Federal Acquisition Service (FAS), IT Schedule 70 is performing market research to determine the availability of products that meet the specifications outlined in Attachment 1. Please indicate on the attached spreadsheet (Attachment 2) if the product offering is currently on your schedule contract or a modification will be submitted to add the product. If the product is not your schedule contract, submit a modification within 24-48 hours of this RFI closing date.

For each standard configuration, please submit the following information:

Vendor Information:

- Vendor Name
- GSA Contract Number
- Business Size
- Socioeconomic Status
- POC Name
- POC Telephone Number
- POC Email Address
- Teaming Partner Information

Offering Information:

- Manufacturer Name
- OEM Item/Part Number
- Model Name
- Is this item on your company's Schedule 70 contract?

All responding vendors must clearly show that their offerings/submissions meet the configuration specifications to which they are responding as outlined in Attachment 1. All responding vendors must clearly show that their offerings are currently on their GSA IT Schedule 70 contract or a modification has been submitted.

Note: All offerings (laptops/desktops) for this initiative must be awarded under the responding vendors IT Schedule 70 contract or a modification has been submitted prior to providing a response.

6. Submission Instructions

- A. Enter all requested information on your offering(s) that meet the standard configurations into the attached excel document (Attachment 2).
- B. Responding vendors must submit an offering for at least one standard configuration. Vendors are not required to offer all standard configurations.
- C. Vendors must submit responses via email to workstations@gsa.gov with a subject line using the following format:

GSA GSS RFI Refresh 1 Response - *[Vendor Name]* - *[Contract Number]*

7. Questions

For any questions concerning this RFI, please email them to workstations@gsa.gov.

8. Government Point of Contact

U.S. General Services Administration
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